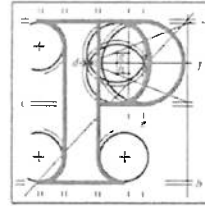


Our Case Number: ABP-317809-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Wolfhill National School
c/o Kathleen Boland
Wolfhill
Athy
Co. Laois

Date: 11 October 2023

Re: Proposed Coolglass windfarm and related works
In the townlands of Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill,
Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard and Kylenabehy, Co. Laois.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission through our online portal in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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October, 5th, 2023

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Proposed Coolglass Wind Farm and related works

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Management of Wolfhill National School, to voice our concerns regarding the proposed Coolglass Wind farm and related works which is in close proximity to our school. Our school is the hub of the local community and while we understand the concerns of the members of our community who are anxious about this proposed project, we are making this submission based solely on our concerns regarding the safety, health and welfare of our pupils and the potential impact of the project on our school enrolment.

Our school has always placed great emphasis on environmental issues and we have been involved in An Taisce Green Schools' Programme since 2005. Our school community understands fully the importance of green energy and we support the development of wind farms but we have the following concerns in relation to this development.

1. From a period of having concerns regarding our enrolment, we are now a developing school. We have new families in our catchment area but we are concerned that the development of the wind farm would deter other families moving into the area.
2. We are concerned that wind turbines, at a height of 180 metres and at a distance of 950 metres, less than the recommended 1.4 km, from our school may adversely affect the health, development and quality of life of our pupils.(Nissembaum et al 2010)
3. An increasing number of children are presenting in primary schools in Ireland with sensory issues and this is also the case in our school. It is imperative that we can provide these children with the

best possible education, without the noise and flicker effects which can impact their schooling. Every child in our country has an inalienable right to a safe education and this must be respected. There is also the immediate concern of heavy machinery and construction traffic should the project progress.

Thank you for reading our submission.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Boland.

Secretary, BoM